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16 March 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 22 March and Later

1. The following topics were covered in the 14 March Presidential Briefing in addition to some administrative and operational matters:

- A. Eritrea
- B. Djibouti

2. The following topics are nominated for the 22 March Presidential Briefing. The time of the briefing is tentatively set for 1330, 22 March.

- A. Brazilian Perspective
- B. Angolan Update

3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and planned dates, if known, are shown:

- A. Covert Communications (OTS)
- B. Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI)
- C. NIE 11-4 (NIO/USSR)
- D. Soviet Forced Labor Camps (OGCR)
- E.
- F. Evaluation of Imagery Performance (ICS)
- G. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--
 A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI)
- H. NIE 4-1-78 (NIO/CF)
- I. Overview of Trends in the African
 Subsaharan Belt (NIO/AF)
- J. Greek-Turkish Relations (NIO/WE) April
- K. Southeast Asia Perspective (NIO/EAP) 11 April
- L. Soviet Launch on Warning Capability (OWI)

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- M. SIGINT Capability (NSA)
 - N. Soviet Antisatellite Capability (OWI)
 - O. Soviet R&D on Low Altitude Air Defense Systems (OWI)
 - P. Military Lessons Learned About Performance of Soviet and Cuban Forces from the Somali-Ethiopian Campaign (NIO/LA:OSR)
 - Q. Egypt's Water Problems and Use of Computer Simulation Model to Assess Future Alternative Water Management Strategies (OGCR)
- 11 April

4. The following topics have been proposed as possible future topics for Presidential Briefings. These topics have not yet been approved by D/NFAC. After D/NFAC approval of the topic, the responsible officer will be asked to provide an outline for the DCI's approval. Preparation of the draft briefing will start after the outline is approved.

- A. President's Quarterly Report
- B. The North Asian Military Balance
- C. The Current Situation--China after the National Peoples Congress
- D. Cuban and Soviet Military Leaders in Africa
- E. Potential Leaders of an Independent Palestine
- F. Nuclear Energy Problems and Alternatives in the LDCs

5. The following topics have been deleted from the list of working topics for the reasons indicated:

- A. Nuclear Issues in US-Brazilian Relations (including influence of Argentina's Nuclear Program): Absorbed in Brazilian Perspective briefing.
- B. Soviet Electronic Warfare Capabilities vs. US Strategic Command and Control: Prepare a proposal for a briefing for the DCI to give to senior Defense Department officials. Based on the outcome of that effort, reassess the desirability of a Presidential brief.
- C. Status of Soviet Work on the Neutron Bomb: Too many higher priority briefings for the period during which this topic would be timely to merit continued work on briefing. Handle via written report if appropriate.

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6. Because of the number of topics being processed, we will gap one week in the submission of topics. The D/OCR, D/ORPA and NIOs NP, NESA and LA are requested to submit topics for use in early May by COB Tuesday, 28 March.



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Recommend that you incorporate paragraph 5 B in your action tiered system. The direction originated with [REDACTED]

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14 March Presidential operational matters:

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